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The Birthdays and Traditions of March

It has come to be a custom among women to deride March as the hopeless hoyden of the months, one whose rough tacods and wild caresses tumble their hair, tan the milky whiteness of their complexions, nip the flowers in their gardens, scatter snowflakes on their deffodils, tulips and hyacinths and play the mischief generally. And yet, with all her blustering winds, ragged sunshine, hurrying and scurrying. March is a month of prophecy, and no sooner is the foot outside of the door than the thrill of rising sap and the relenting atmosphere from the fierceness of winter is at once felt. March may turn once and again a bitter face toward the walker abroad, but mingled with the bitterness will be a softness, and occasional clear twilights will close picture days that embody a forecast of Easter flowers and of robins preening themselves in the sunshine.

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In the country, women who live on farms are busy with their poultry, with "setting hens" or taking care of early broods of downy chicks, or seeing that the lambs are properly sheltered, and when a rare day arrives watching the spading up of garden beds and especially the preparation of the asparagus bed. The smoke curis lazily upward, and the pungent odor is as satisfying to the senses and as much a part of the March atmosphere as the smell of the freshly turned earth, the velvety green of the pussy willows and the blue of violets found in sheltered places, with last year's leaves heaped above them.

March may be a bolsterous hoyden, but she is something more in America. She is not famous alone as "imauguration" month, but through her association with great American historic events and birthdays. Women Histening can still hear across the bridge of years the notes of the bell of old St. John's Church, in Richmond, calling together the Virginia Burgesses on a March day in 1775, when Patrick Henry electrified the minds of his colleagues, hesitating and reluctant to enter upon a contest with the mother country, by his brilliant argument and eloquence. Probably such a speech might never have been made, however, had not king Ferdinand, of Castle and Aragon, had a March birthday more than 300 years previous, and married Isabella, who aided Columbus in his discovery of America. Four subsequent and important American birthdays falling in March are those of James Madison, Andrew Jackson, John Tyler and Grover Cleveland-fourth, seventh, tenth and twenty-fourth Presidents of the United States.

A woman born in March is said to be ambitious and destined to rule her husband. Perhaps that is a reason why

"Set everything to growing— The ferns in sheltered nocks, The grasses in the meadows, The alders by the brooks."

ALICE M. TYLER.

DICKENS CONTEST, NO. 2.

As a part of this contest was omitted last week, it is here repeated in entirety, a second prize in contest No. 1, which closed February 27, being awarded Mrs. J. E. Driscoli, 401 Liberty Street, Durham, N. C., and thanks returned to Miss E. B. Bolling, Bedford City, Va.; Mrs. A. C. Stover, City, Miss Anne Craile, Blackstone, Va.; Miss Millicent Meacham, Rock Castle, Va.; Miss M. S. Aylett, Ginter Park, city; Mrs. G. R. Scott, Tappahannock, Va.; Miss A. Liver Duann, city, Mrs. G. L. Corbin, Durham, N. C., and Mrs. F. L. Mack, Danville, Va.

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A. I lave these little people, and it is not a slight thing when they, who are so fresh from God, love us.

8. Oh let us love our occupations,
Bless the 'squire and his relations,
Live upon our daily rations
And alwars know our proper stations.

9. Some people may be Rooshans and others may be Proophans; they are horn so, and will please themselves. Them which is of other naturs thinks This contest closes Saturday, March 13, and is subject to the naual condi-

Newest Fashions for Spring

The directoire princess gown worm with a bolero is heraided as one of the newest fashions for spring. The coat-and-skirt suit has its place in the wardrobe of the woman who considers utility as well as fashion. The majority of the zeparate skirts however, are made with an extended line, sometimes called a princess or a nempire top. With this skirt is worn a guimpe or a shirtwaist when the extended line does not reach very figh. The coat is long, loose fitting and just escapes the knee. The very latest cablegram from Faris is, again that the short-waisted gown is not to be supreme this spring. Long-waisted frocks are being designed by some leading costoumiers, among them no less an authority than Cheruit. His models are not made in one piece yet the waist and skirt are of the same material, and so is the girdle. So perhaps later, spring styles may ofter opportunity in the paying of money and the taking of choice.

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cord is a favorite form of trimming.
Celors Darker.

Colors are a bit darker than is
usual for spring, or perhaus duller
expresses it better. The greens show
undertones of bronze, the coppers
have more brown tints than red, and
the blues are of the Copenhagen or
der and also a faded shade of cadeteader blue revealing muse gray. Anethyst and catawha shades will be favored, and many browns will be vorth.
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right to be counted among the brown
series, are all in fashion.

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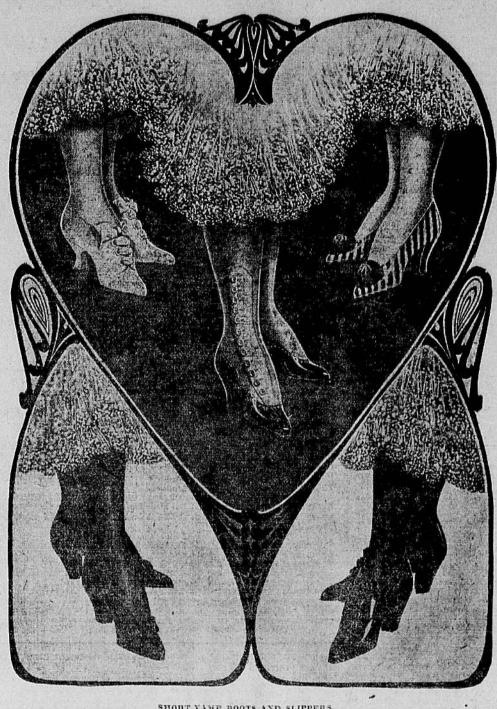
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chiffon foundation. The back fastening is a rovette, from which hang two
cery long satin ends, with slik ring
attacked burners.



SHORT VAMP BOOTS AND SLIPPERS.

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THE LATEST FASHION IN HAINCOAT S.

From Kenyon,

Kitchen Helps and Hints

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The spring turbans are noticeable for their simple garniture. There is often nothing but a tuft of feathers, a couple of quitts, a bow, a few flowers, or a stiff little wine.

Charming spring hats are made in a combination of soft, shimmering straw braid and equally soft silk.

General.

Garden and Plauts.

About this time of thoughts turn toward the strainment, so in

For Sporting Wear.

For traveling or sporting wear there is nothing smarter than the simple "Bersaglieri" shape of fine, pllable Sumatra or Japanese straw, trimmed merely with a loosely draped scarf of soft silk, of chiffon or mousseline, the end knotted and fringed, and a quill stuck jauntily through the one sild of the front. Ofttimes these trimming scarfs are detachable and may be fastened on the hat to match the gown or suit intended to be worn with it.

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Large fluffy pompons—round, clastic and pyramid-shaped—are very much in evidence this sensor, trimming hars of all descriptions. They are chic in every instance, no matter whether silk or fine plumage, and are to be had in all the leading new shades.

The hats made for a sojourn in Florida or Bermuda give one an idea of the beauty and grace of the models to come—the daintiest or materials, such as filmy lace, sheer tulle, and hatiste and chiffon embroidery of spider-web fineness with the loveliest garnitures one can think of.

Orange Blossaus.

Orange blossoms are made by stirring together for half an hour one pound of the white sugar, three whole eggs and four yolks. Add sufficient flour to make a batter stiff enough to lay on a baking-tin with a spoon and retain its shape. Flavor with orange-flower water, shape into small, dainty cakes with a spoon as they are placed on the tin, and bake in a quick even, when cool, cover with white frostins, with a little orange-colored leing in the reality.

Easter Novelties

General Suggestions

the spring turbane and the forther is simple, gardful of salgrettes, a complete of quills a bow, a few fluorers or a still little which a few fluorers or a still little winch shimmering straw braid and cabally seft silk.

Newest Acquisition.

The newest acquisition in piece goods for millinery use is crepe of chine, especially woven for the purpose. It is delightfully soft and organization in process of the strain of great plinner, and drepes so charm, the mere woolors are exquisite.

Plinnes in the natural state, uncuried, and the natural dull coloring are determined in the natural dull coloring are determined in the strain of flowers on one hat. The more unusual and unconventional the blend, the better. Spring, summer and autumn flowers are combined at random; the only in hards are shown in a multitude of lovely novelties. The variety is truly unlimited, and that too conspicious contracts were avoided.

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Roses are used in all sizes, from the timest moss rose bud to immensely large conies, and not infrequently conspiciously large and very semal associations in responsibility in cases where there is also contrast in the coloring.

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